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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION
STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-16pp of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) The Department of Education, the Board of Regents for Higher
5 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
6 [] shall work with the Department of Banking to leverage any
7 available federal, state or private funds to implement the plan
8 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

9 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
10 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
11 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
13 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this

14 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
15 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
16 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services
17 and to accept or reject such grant for the town. Any regional school
18 board may vote to authorize the supervising agent of the regional
19 school district to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative
20 Services for and to accept or reject such grant for the district.
21 Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be made by the
22 superintendent of schools of such town or regional school district on
23 the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner
24 of Administrative Services. The application form shall require the
25 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered
26 the maximization of natural light, the use and feasibility of wireless
27 connectivity technology and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school
28 safety infrastructure standards, developed by the School Safety
29 Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, in projects for new
30 construction and alteration or renovation of a school building. The
31 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review each grant
32 application for a school building project for compliance with
33 educational requirements and on the basis of categories for building
34 projects established by the Commissioner of Administrative Services in
35 accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Education shall
36 evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in
37 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
38 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
39 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.
40 The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall consult with the
41 Commissioner of Education in reviewing grant applications submitted
42 for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e on the
43 basis of the educational needs of the applicant. The Commissioner of
44 Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a
45 school building project for compliance with standards for school
46 building projects pursuant to regulations, adopted in accordance with
47 section 10-287c, and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety
48 infrastructure standards, developed by the School Safety Infrastructure

49 Council pursuant to section 10-292r. Notwithstanding the provisions of
 50 this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
 51 Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and
 52 Three Rivers Community College and the following entities that will
 53 operate an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in
 54 meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al.
 55 v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013
 56 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,
 57 as determined by the Commissioner of Education, may apply for and
 58 shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects pursuant
 59 to section 10-264h for such a school: (A) The Board of Trustees of the
 60 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-
 61 technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
 62 University System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of
 63 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,
 64 (D) the board of governors for an independent [college or university]
 65 institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section
 66 [10a-37] 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the
 67 independent [college or university] institution of higher education, (E)
 68 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (F) any
 69 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the
 70 Commissioner of Education.

71 Sec. 3. Subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of
 72 section 10-264l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
 73 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

74 (E) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by the board of
 75 governors for an independent [college or university] institution of
 76 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section [10a-37] 10a-
 77 173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent
 78 [college or university] institution of higher education, that (i) began
 79 operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, (ii) enrolls less
 80 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford pursuant to the 2008
 81 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,

82 as extended, or the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.
 83 William A. O'Neill, et al., and (iii) enrolls students on a trimester basis,
 84 shall receive a per pupil grant for each student who is enrolled at such
 85 school for at least two of the three trimesters in the amount of ten
 86 thousand four hundred forty-three dollars for the fiscal year ending
 87 June 30, 2015.

88 Sec. 4. Section 10a-55o of the general statutes is repealed and the
 89 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

90 Not later than January 1, 2015, each institution of higher education
 91 shall enter into and maintain a memorandum of understanding with at
 92 least one community-based sexual assault crisis service center and at
 93 least one community-based domestic violence agency for purposes of
 94 (1) ensuring that any student or employee of such institution who
 95 reports or discloses being the victim of sexual assault, stalking or
 96 intimate partner violence can access free and confidential counseling
 97 and advocacy services, either on or off campus, and (2) establishing a
 98 partnership with such service center and agency, including, but not
 99 limited to, (A) involvement of the institution's campus resource team,
 100 and (B) trainings between the institution and such service center and
 101 agency to ensure the understanding of each other's role in responding
 102 to reports and disclosures of sexual assault, stalking and intimate
 103 partner violence against students and employees of the institution and
 104 the institution's protocols for providing support and services to such
 105 students and employees, developed [in accordance with subsection (b)
 106 of] pursuant to section 10a-55m.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-16pp(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-283(a)(1)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-264l(c)(3)(E)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55o

HED *Joint Favorable*